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AN OXIDE LAYER OF

NON-UNIFORM

THICKNESS ON THE SURFACE OF A SILICON

SUBSTRATE

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In response to the Advisory Action mailed December 29, 2003 please amend the abovespecified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.